

NEW BAND TALKED OF HERE; PUBLIC MAY GET CONCERT

New Organization Will Also Aim to Represent Connellsville.

LITTLE MUSIC THIS SEASON

Gaster's Mischmas Have Been Out Twice and Both Times Played to Boost Outings, Can't Agree With Two Bands, There Were Concerts.

Steps are being taken looking to the organization of a new band in Connellsville, although those interested in the movement decline to discuss just what plans further than to say they already more than 30 musicians have expressed a desire to willing to become members. The success of the proposition is virtually assured and it is probable that the band will be playing concerts before the summer is over.

The fact that competition is necessary in band circles has been demonstrated during the past few months and has led to the movement to start the new band. Those interested in the proposition say it will be a Connellsville band in every sense of the word.

The Connellsville Military Band has virtually dropped the word Connellsville except where its charter requires its use, one of the band organizers said today. It isn't a Connellsville band any more, it is Gaster's band. Connellsville has been a name which stood for a good band before it was born, and we propose to take the name and organization that will not only represent Connellsville, but will gain for the band that has been appropriated for individual use.

The new band is certain to get hearty public support. The fact that there have been only two band concerts this summer and both of these given to boost out of town bands has caused some talk. Last year there was a concert nearly every week, the military band and the Tenth Regimental band, among others. The committee in entertainment and speaking contests, I. C. Gaster, received hearty support from the business and professional men's credit association, and reported to funds to get the bandstand in shape and meet the necessary charges. The merchants of Connellsville, in which No. 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 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GARDEN TRUCK RAISED BY FRICK EMPLOYEES THIS YEAR IS VALUED AT \$186,585.70

Reports of Judges Show Imposing Total as Result of Prize Contests.

6,819 PLOTS ARE CULTIVATED

Company Expends \$1,314 in Cash to the Winners at its Plants; Average Yield of Each Garden is Foreigners Take Lead Tilling Soil.

Garden truck valued at \$186,585.70 was raised by employees of the H. C. Frick Coke Company during the present year. This total is shown in the compilation of reports made by the judges who inspected the lawns and gardens at 56 plants. The 7,210 lots at these plants, 6,819 were cultivated, and 381 not cultivated, while of these 391, 121 were laid out in lawns, leaving only 270 lots occupied by employees of the H. C. Frick Coke Company that were not used either for lawns or flower beds. Of these, it can be said, the majority were on soil so poor that nothing could be raised. The average yield of each garden was \$27.36.

To encourage the improvement of tenants' premises, the H. C. Frick Coke Company each year awards prizes for the best lawns and the best gardens at each of its plants. At the larger plants three prizes are given in each class with two prizes at the smaller ones. The prizes are \$10, \$5 and \$3 for the best gardens, and \$5, \$3 and \$1 for the best lawns at the larger plants, and \$6 and \$4 for best gardens and \$1 and \$2 for the best lawns at the smaller operations. During the present year the company has distributed \$1,314 in prizes.

The lawn and garden tests were inaugurated by the late Thomas Lynch, president of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, two years ago. In honor of the welfare of the workers in which the big coke company has been a leader for many years. In the early days of the coke industry little attention was paid to the comfort and welfare of the workers. Even after "safety first" had become a by-word around the plants, it was for a long time "safety last" so far as the surroundings of the laborers after working hours was concerned. Mr. Lynch, however, early appreciated the fact that contented workmen were an invaluable asset, and with this in mind the H. C. Frick Coke Company began its campaign for better homes for its employees.

In addition to installing conveniences in the houses, such as electric lights and bathtubs, especially at the newer plants, efforts were made to encourage employees to improve their surroundings. The company did its share in making the homes attractive by frequent coats of paint, the addition of porches, the building of concrete drains along the byways, and installation of such sanitary improvements as were possible, and to further encourage not only health, but thrift as well, it was suggested that each employee have a garden or a lawn. Some of them were tilling the soil to a limited extent, but there was no incentive for the others to do likewise until prizes were offered. The response was most gratifying, with the result that after five years, virtually every plot of ground surrounding a company house is being developed, either as a lawn or as a garden. This has resulted in the estimated yield for this year alone reaching the imposing total of nearly \$190,000.

The H. C. Frick Coke Company has gone beyond the mere award of cash prizes for the winning gardens. At the stores of the Union Supply Company the current price of coke is paid for all ground offered. The employee who raises more garden truck than he needs for his own family may dispose of the surplus at the company store. Quite a few employees have specialized in vegetables that are in demand and sell them in quantities to the company store. One man may plant most of his garden in tomatoes, another in potatoes, and so forth. While these vegetables are in season, patrons of the Union Supply Company get the fresh, home-grown articles so long as they last.

A majority of the gardeners raise garden truck for home consumption. The yield is generally diversified and a great variety of vegetables is raised. Those who have cows will usually devote half the available space to that which can be used for fodder.

Each year, after the gardens have developed properly, they are judged by a committee of men selected by the superintendent of each plant. Efforts are made to name men of sound judgment to pass on both gardens and lawns. In some instances women are selected as being better able to pass on lawns and flower gardens. The judges sign the certificates which are given the prize winners, along with the cash. These certificates are engraved, with the name of the winner neatly inscribed thereon, and are then framed at the expense of the company before being delivered.

The foreign employees have proven the best gardeners, and the foreign women, for the most part, win the lawn prizes. Of the prize winners this year not more than 15 per cent were American born. The foreigners seem to have the knack of getting the best results in limited space.

A detailed statement of the number of gardens and their estimated value at all of the plants of the H. C. Frick Coke Company follows:

Plant	Cult. (Acres)	Value
Adelaide	111	\$2,000.00
Alverton	58	2,000.00
Boggsdale	120	21,000.00
Boggsdale	75	1,000.00
Bridgeport	50	2,500.00
Brinkerton	78	0
Buckeye	60	15
Buckeye	100	2,000.00
Calumet	102	0
Central	100	2,500.00
Coubrook	12	1,000.00

Upper Berths			
By GEORGE FITCH, Author of "At Good Old Swast."			
Collier	120	1	2,000.00
Colonial No. 1	174	14	1,800.00
Colonial No. 3	67	0	1,350.00
Colonial No. 5	60	0	1,000.00
Continental No. 1	108	0	2,000.00
Continental No. 2	128	0	2,000.00
Continental No. 3	131	0	2,000.00
Davidson	50	0	1,500.00
Dearth	80	2	2,000.00
Dorothy	63	17	1,000.00
Edgar	10	1	2,000.00
Footed	182	17	2,000.00
Gates	134	60	2,000.00
Hecla No. 1	91	15	3,700.00
Hecla No. 2	135	0	6,000.00
Hecla No. 3	110	26	2,000.00
Hecla No. 4	88	22	2,000.00
Kyle	97	21	1,000.00
Lambert	190	13	2,000.00
Leckrone	201	1	2,000.00
Lessing	162	2	8,150.00
Lessing	157	0	6,000.00
Little	146	0	2,000.00
Lombard	221	1	4,500.00
Mammoth	173	2	3,000.00
Marguerite	79	24	3,000.00
Mutual	93	0	4,500.00
Myrtle	105	2	3,000.00
Oliver	129	8	3,000.00
Quicksilver	125	0	2,000.00
Ronco	118	32	6,000.00
Shawl	108	33	8,400.00
Southwest No. 1	151	0	1,100.00
Southwest No. 2	229	12	2,000.00
Southwest No. 3	76	13	3,000.00
Standard	300	0	2,000.00
Trotter	108	2	2,000.00
Gated	122	0	1,000.00
Wynn	98	16	2,000.00
Yorkton	170	0	5,000.00
Youngstown	111	0	2,000.00
Hostetter	111	0	0.00
Whitney	129	0	1,000.00
Total	1,619	361	\$186,585.74

BABY PARADE FEATURES UNION SUPPLY PICNIC

Little Footed Boy Wins First Prize; Employees Have a Fine Outing.

A baby parade in which a prize of \$5 was offered for the best looking last week. There were lots and lots was an interesting feature of the Union Supply outing at Oakford Park yesterday. There were lots and lots of pretty babies but the judges finally agreed that Little Ben Johnson, Jr. of Footdale was entitled to the prize. The other entrants however, were all awarded a crisp new dollar bill.

The picnic was attended by more than 1,200 persons from all parts of the coke region. The stores accessible by trolley were reached by special West Penn cars but those at Sean and Travers would not be reached this way, so a special train was run from Pleasanton to Pleasanton, Altoona, and Mifflinburg.

At attendance were W. H. Eller, manager, president of the H. C. Frick Coke Company; Clay F. Lynch, general superintendent; W. H. Glasgow, assistant superintendent, and James Atchison of the Pittsburg office.

Labor Leader's Appeal Will Go to Higher Court on Merits.

Prizes were awarded in the various athletic events as follows:

Fifty yard dash for women employees, won by Florence Smith of United.

One hundred yard dash for men, won by Mike Guther, Mutual.

Egg and spoon race, won by Miss Nell Jeffreys, of Newcomer.

Fifty yard dash for boys under 10, won by William Stampy of Lemont.

Fifty yard dash for girls under 10, won by Edna of Forward.

Potato race for women, won by Miss Pearl Curry of Edenton.

Hop, step and jump for men, won by Joseph Belgrave of Baggaley.

Men's tug of war between North End and South End, won by South End team.

A baseball game between Uniontown and Pittsburgh office teams resulted in a victory for Uniontown, 13 to 4.

THEIR HEALTH GOOD

No Penny Employees Serving Food Show Signs of Disease.

The efforts of the Pennsylvania railroad to insure that no person with even a tendency toward a communicable disease shall have anything to do with serving food on its trains and in its restaurants have been a success. A quarterly report just issued to the company of an examination made of all the railroad employees who serve food in buffer, broiler, Pullman cars on the Pennsylvania railroad, shows that not a single one of the 65 employees was found to have any trace of a communicable disease.

The Pennsylvania railroad, in January, 1913, established a rule to have a physical examination made of all dining car and restaurant employees every three months. Later it was ordered that these examinations should be held every 30 days. Now the rule is to examine every one of these employees at least every 30 days.

EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE.

Gelatine House at Powder Plant Lets Go.

EMPORIUM, Pa., Aug. 16.—Five men were killed and the gelatine house of the Acton Explosive Company's plant at Pine Run was completely demolished today by an explosion. Two other buildings were damaged.

The men, Joseph Strayer, Fred Hawkins, Emory Hawkins, Michael and Ossie Miller, were the only employees in the structure when the explosion occurred and the cause of the accident could not be determined.

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AUTOMATIC BLOCK SIGNALS PLANNED ON WESTERN MD.

Railroad Officials Go Over the Line in Their Automobile.

EXPERTS ACCOMPANYING PARTY

Increased Business of the System Also Revives Talk of Double-Tracking the Link Between Connellsville and Cumberland in the Near Future.

An upper berth is a sort of second worker harbored by the sleeping company. It is a place where a man sleeps if he is a good athlete. It is located over a lower berths in a double-decker car, and is about two miles from a ladder. It contains room enough for a medium sized man and about half enough clothes to wear in a particular community. After the man has taken off the clothes and hung them up, the dressings of the rest is taken around his neck.

A lower berth has sleeves and a stunted hammock in which clothes may deposit it, but only the Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies recognize that man in the upper berth is a second worker for the lower. However, in all cases the upper berth may be used to store his clothes with the porter. One of the best standing signs of American life is that of a traveler man packing his bag and getting into an upper berth.

The porter will bring up a chair and a table, and the man will get into the lower berth.

Signal Engineer W. E. Bridges of Baltimore is in charge of the party. Superintendent C. A. Steiner of Cumberland, who has charge of the C. & O. line, the Western Maryland, a part of which is the line of the railroad, and the signal companies are traveling over the line by automobile. They have equipped a car to bring out with damaged wheel and are riding over the line in that vehicle.

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